

*The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent,
personal preparation for the worship of God.*

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

- Three Pieces for Musical Clock Franz Joseph Haydn
 Minuet—Allegretto—Allegro
Prelude and Fugue in D Major Johann Sebastian Bach

Introit

- “Come, Thou Almighty King” Felice de Gardini
 arr. Theodore Hoelty-Nickel
*Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing; help us to praise:
Father all glorious, over all victorious, come and reign over us, ancient of days.*

- *Doxology (*sung*) The Hymnal, 606
 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise God, all creatures here below;
 praise God above, ye heavenly host;
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.† Amen.

*Call to Worship

- Leader: *How good it is to sing praises to our God;
 how pleasant it is to honor God with praise!*
People: The Lord rebuilds the fallen city
 and gathers the victims and exiles into homes.
Leader: *God heals the brokenhearted and
 binds up the wounds of the injured.*
People: Great is our God and mighty in power;
 God’s wisdom is beyond our understanding.
Leader: *As one community in Christ, let us worship God.*

*Prayer of Praise

- *Hymn 311 “Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather”

*Stand as you are able. †Or “Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Gracious God, we confess that we have alienated ourselves from one another because of differences. We separate people based on what they know or can do. We distance ourselves by beliefs, skin tones, and income levels. We indulge power in just a few instead of building up your whole community. Dissension and resentment result. In a world divided by self-seeking schemes, grant that we may envision wider dreams. Restore to us right relationship with Christ and one another, that we may receive the gift of unity in the Body. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Concerns of the Church

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*sung*)

“A Grateful Heart” (Psalm 111) The Hymnal, 652

Anthem

“Steal Away” African American spiritual; arr. Brazeal W. Dennard
Steal away to Jesus, steal away home; I ain’t got long to stay here. My Lord calls me, he calls me by the thunder. The trumpet sounds within my soul. I ain’t got long to stay here. Green trees bending, poor sinner stands trembling. The trumpet sounds within my soul. I ain’t got long to stay here. My Lord calls me, he calls me by the lightning. The trumpet sounds within my soul. I ain’t got long to stay here. Steal away to Jesus, steal away home; I ain’t got long to stay here.

First Lesson

Acts of the Apostles 18:1–4 New Testament, page 129

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*
People: Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri (*sung*) The Hymnal, 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:† as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

†Or “to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost.”

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:10–18 New Testament, page 155

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series: “A Spirit Revolution”

“Bound Together” Victoria G. Curtiss

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 300 “We Are One in the Spirit”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
 everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
 The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
 sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
 and binds us together with all believers
 in the one body of Christ, the church.
 The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
 rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
 engages us through the Word proclaimed,
 claims us in the waters of baptism,
 feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
 and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.
 With believers in every time and place,
 we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us
 from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
 Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Response

“Amen” John Weaver

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“This Little Light of Mine” African American spiritual

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, hallelujah, children;
all the time, everywhere I go.*

*Presentation of the Offering and Response

For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we of - fer, Lord, our prai - ses; heart and mind and strength we bring.
Give us grace to love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

We present ourselves and our gifts to you as a living sacrifice,
gracious God, in gratitude and obedience to you as the center of our lives.
May our devotion be holy and acceptable in your eyes,
and may our offering further your reign on earth. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 826 “Lift High the Cross”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Paean Oliphant Chuckerbutty

Worship in the Reformed Tradition

As the headings in our bulletin remind us each week, the center of our worship is **the Word**—by which we mean both Scripture and the Living Word of God, Jesus Christ. Our Scripture witnesses to God and God's activity. When it is read and proclaimed, Jesus Christ the Living Word is present by the inward witness of the Holy Spirit. It is this Living Word that is the center of everything we do in worship.

That worship follows the pattern we see in Isaiah 6 (page 597 of the Old Testament): adoration, confession, absolution, thanksgiving, and service. Overwhelmed by God's majesty and glory, we **gather together in praise** offered through song and prayer.

In the face of that great goodness of God, we also see how we fall short of being who we were created to be and so we join in a **prayer of confession**. We then proclaim the **forgiveness** that we know in Jesus Christ. We live our lives in this cycle of realizing where we fall short, being honest to God about that, and then recognizing that God always forgives us, even before the words are on our lips, and lets us start new.

As we listen for the Word of God, **Scripture** is read. The **sermon** is proclaimed. We respond to the Word with thanksgiving, joining in **song** and **affirming our faith**, using words from the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s *Book of Confessions*—whether it be the Apostles' Creed, a Brief Statement of Faith, or one of the other professions of faith—or words taken directly from Scripture.

Following Jesus' instruction to pray, in the **Prayers of the People** we bring human need before God in hope, trust, and thanksgiving for God's faithfulness, concluding with the **Lord's Prayer**. Our response of thanksgiving also includes the giving of our material goods, bringing to God the **offerings** of our work as symbols of our gratitude and our acknowledgment that everything we have comes from God. In prayer we **dedicate** these gifts and our lives to the work of the church and God's mission.

God then **sends** us, like Isaiah, back out into the world in service. Our final **hymn** of grateful praise moves directly into a **charge and blessing** to take what we have heard, to take what we have learned, and to actively live it out in the world, looking for God's work all around us.

Worship Leaders

9:30 Nanette Sawyer, Larry Braskamp, Lucy Forster-Smith, Victoria G. Curtiss

11:00 Nanette Sawyer, Anthony Hipp, Lucy Forster-Smith, Victoria G. Curtiss

The Music Today

Men's Choir

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

THIS SUMMER'S SERMON SERIES on the Acts of the Apostles, "A Spirit Revolution," invites us to widen our imaginations about what God might do through us as individuals and as a church.

THE TEXTILE BANNERS AND PULPIT PARAMENT, "Unweavings," created by fiber artist Laurie Wohl, were commissioned by Fourth Church for use during the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, the longest season of the church year (the season between Epiphany and Lent and between Pentecost and Advent). Through their combination of scripture texts and images, these banners celebrate and elevate the perception of the sacred in the "ordinary" as we make our faith journey day to day. A brochure with more information about the banners is available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/arts/liturgical.html

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